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SUBJECT: TRAVEL PHILADELPHIA ENQUIRER REPORTER JIM MANN

REF: DAKAR 2473

### SUMMARY:

1. MANN ARRIVED NOUAKCHOTT EVENING JUNE 27 AND VISITED ROSSO-BOUTILIMIT AFTER HAVING INTERVIEWED CHARGE AND AADO ON DROUGHT AND DROUGHT RELIEF PROGRAMS. APPRECIATE USIS DAKAR WARNING HIS ARRIVAL, WHICH NOT RECEIVED FROM OTHER SOURCES. UNFORTUNATELY, WE NOT AWARE THAT MANN SPOKE NO FRENCH AND THAT HE WANTED TO TRAVEL OUTSIDE CAPITAL TO WRITE ARTICLES FROM "OUR MAN IN THE SAHEL" ANGLE. AFTER SOME SCROUNGING, EMBASSY ARRANGED INTERPRETER AND LANDROVER LEASE. MANN SEEMS WELL SATISFIED DESPITE DELAYS FOR JERRY-RIGGING ABOVE SERVICES. AS REPORTED REFTEL, HIS QUESTIONS ARE FRIENDLY AND BALANCED BUT REVEAL LACK BACKGROUND KNOWLEDGE ABOUT THE DROUGHT AND ABOUT AFRICA. BELIEVE HE IS NOT INTERESTED TACKLING CONTROVERSIAL DROUGHT RELATED ISSUES ALONG LINES PROPOSED NEWSWEEK STORY. HE SEEMS MORE COMFORTABLE IN BEING

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LED TO SOURCES THAN IN DISCOVERING FOR HIMSELF.

2. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED: FOR BAMAKO. MANN ARRIVES BAMAKO  
JULY 2 ON AIR ALGERIA FLT 5230 AT 1520. HE INTENDS SPEND  
ABOUT ONE WEEK BEFORE PROCEEDING OUAGADOUGOU. HE REQUESTS  
PERMISSION MAKE USE USAF C-130 SUPPLY FLIGHTS AND VISIT  
DROUGHT REFUGEE CAMP. MANN REQUESTS APPOINTMENTS WITH AMBASSADOR,  
GOM DROUGHT COORDINATOR, COL HARPE, AND FAO REP. HE WISHES  
HIRE INTERPRETER WHEN APPROPRIATE. MANN IS ALSO TAKING  
PHOTOGRAPHS FOR HIS ARTICLES AND REQUESTS PHOTO PERMIT.  
(HE HAS NECESSARY PASSPORT PHOTOS ON SELF.)

3. FOR OUAGADOUGOU. DATE MANN'S ETA NOT FIRM BUT YOU SHOULD  
EXPECT HIM ON/ABOUT JULY 9. HE WILL ADVISE PLANS WHEN FIRM.  
HE WILL WISH INTERVIEW AMBASSADOR, CILSS REPS AND FAO REP.  
MANN WOULD LIKE TO HIRE CAR, DRIVER AND INTERPRETER TO MAKE  
SHORT TRIP OUTSIDE CAPITAL TO VIEW DROUGHT AFFECTED AREAS  
IF ACCESSIBLE. END UNCLASSIFIED  
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